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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. 8 INFLUENZA TASK FORCE  
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1,516 H1N1 INFLUENZA CASES REPORTED IN 22 COUNTRIES

¶1. (SBU) Mexican Health Minister Cordova announced 1,012 confirmed cases and 40 deaths overall. The new death total is based on laboratory results. Areas hardest hit by the H1N1 virus are Mexico City, the State of Mexico, San Luis Potosi and Hidalgo. (Task Force/HHS telcon)

¶2. (SBU) The confirmed cases include 165 Canadians, 32 Britons and 10 Germans; Japan has 7 suspected cases. CDC confirmed 642 U.S. cases and reported 845 probable cases in 44 states. (Task Force/Domestic Readiness Group telcon)

¶3. (U) Sweden's health authority confirmed the country's first case of H1N1. The woman recently returned from the United States and has made a full recovery, according to a spokesman. Poland has confirmed its first case of H1N1. Health officials expect the patient to make a full recovery. (Reuters)

¶4. (SBU) Consulate Merida confirmed a U.S. citizen previously cleared of H1N1 tested positive after departing Mexico. He is undergoing treatment in the U.S.. (Task Force/Consulate Merida email)  
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¶5. (SBU) High schools are expected to open May 7 and all schools will open May 11, as planned. Restaurants and businesses are open throughout Mexico City. (Task Force/Embassy Mexico City telcon)

¶6. (SBU) President Calderon expressed his "deep gratitude" to the United States for assisting Mexico during the crisis. (Task Force/Embassy Mexico City telcon)

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE IN CHINA

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¶7. (U) 140 Mexican citizens who were quarantined in hotels and hospitals in China returned to Mexico May 6 on a chartered jet. (AP)

¶8. (U) China lifted a flu quarantine on a group of Canadian students. The group showed no flu symptoms, but was held in quarantine in Changchun after their plane arrived. FM Cannon said Canada would demand an explanation. (Reuters)

¶9. (U) Minimize considered.  
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